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Artist Jack Freeman poses next to Charles Griffin Farr's oil likeness of him at the 39th Annual Potrero Hill Artists' Exhibit held in April at the Potrero Branch Library. See Page 6 for story and photos

Ruth Passen photo

"Friends of Nabe" Formed To Help Fund Projects

For over 80 years the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House has provided services to people in need. Young men and women have been kept in school and away from drugs and crime with the help of innovative "Nabe" programs. Whether it's summer jobs, senior lunches, programs for the developmentally disabled, meeting space for community groups, or recreational activities in the gym, the Nabe has it.

And the Nabe is being called upon to deliver more and more services while resources keep shrinking. Government and private contributions are being reduced but the needs continue to grow. The beautiful building at 953 De Haro St., - designed by Julia Morgan, and proclaimed a Landmark in 1977 - is in constant need of expensive maintenance and upkeep.

In order to find other ways to ask for

private donations, the Board of Directors has announced the formation of "Friends of the Nabe," an organization of people who want to be regular helpers in the work of the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House.

Membership has several categories: For \$25, a member is kept informed of all House activities; the \$100 "Supporter" category gives information, and, in addition, two season ticket gift to the Nabe's Multi-Ethnic Theater (MET). For \$250, an "Angel" will receive the above benefits, plus a beautiful coffee table book of photographs of Julia Morgan's work.

A special party to welcome the new "Friends of the Nabe," and introduce them to the House takes place on Sunday, May 15, from 3-5 p.m. For more information contact the Nabe at 826-8080.

Hospital Research Lab Gets Boost from Planners

By Vas Arnautoff

Plans for the construction of a clinical and bio-medical research facility at San Francisco General Hospital (SFGH) cleared another hurdle April 14 when the City Planning Commission approved a declaration by the Dept. of City Planning that the proposal "could not significantly affect the environment," and that a formal Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is not necessary.

What it came down to, said one Commissioner, was "a question of faith or fear." Which would determine how one makes a decision on the matter?

The proposed structure at 22nd Street and San Bruno Avenue would be approximately 120,000 square feet in size, of which about 100,000 square feet would be used by the University of California San Francisco (UCSF) for research, and about 20,000 square feet would be used by SFGH for clinics.

SFGH and UCSF have been affiliated informally for 100 years (formally since 1959). The university provides professional and support staff to the hospital, while the hospital provides patients and space for medical training programs for the university. Research activities at SFGH have been ongoing and at present about 300,000 square feet at the hospital is used for laboratory space.

Opposition to a declaration of no significant environmental effects ("Neg Dec" in planning parlance) was voiced by a group of concerned Potrero Hill citizens and neighbors of the project both at a public meeting hosted by SFGH on April 11, and at the Planning Commission meeting a few days later. Primary concerns of the citizens were over parking and the dangers of living near facilities where toxic materials might be accidentally leaked.

At the April 11 meeting in Carr Auditorium, SFGH, presided over by Marianne Boilin, the hospital's Director of Community Relations - hospital and UCSF staff members answered questions and attempted to allay the fears of about 40 concerned neighbors of the project.

Responding to questions about toxics and air quality Dr. Henry Chambers, SFGH Chief of The Infectious Diseases Division, described the constant and stringent monitoring in the use of biological, chemical and radioactive materials now used at SFGH labs. Additionally, he pointed out that lab workers are not likely to put themselves at risk through unsafe practices.

William Vernon, expert on air quality issues, asserted that the air "that would be leaving the (proposed) building would be cleaner than that outside" through the use of filters. Outside air would be filtered twice before it entered the building.

Parking problems generated the most heated community reaction at the public meeting. The proposed lab building would occupy what is now a parking lot, eliminating 58 parking spaces while at the same time bringing in possibly 260 additional staff people to work in the new facility.

The hospital expects the deficit to be eased when a proposed 1200-space parking garage is built on 23rd Street between Utah and San Bruno. (Final EIR approval

for this facility is expected this month.) In the meantime, through its Transportation System Management (TSM) program, SFGH hopes to mitigate parking problems through promoting rideshare and use of public transit, action to improve public transit, promotion of bicycle commuting, free shuttle service to hospital employees, and the use of a 60-space lot at 17th and Folsom Streets.

Citizens at the community meeting were skeptical. They pointed out that promises were made when the new mental health facility (now 80 percent complete) on Potrero Avenue was being planned that it would not open until the garage was built. Then the City Planning staff decided that the garage plan needed more study and an EIR, and the projects were separated. Now the projected completion of the garage is slated for the summer of 1996. "I think there were broken promises," admitted SFGH Associate Administrator Jerome Rankin.

At the Planning Commission meeting a handful of Potrero Hill residents expressed their concerns and opposition to the Negative Declaration.

Aligned in support of the "Neg. Dec." were representatives of the Mission Economic Development Commission, the Potrero Hill Economic Development Commission, the Community Advisory Council of SFGH, other neighbors of the project and Planning Commission staff members, one of whom, Director of Planning Lu Blazej, asserted, "Concerns (about the project) are overstated. Dangers are over dramatized."

The Community Relations office at SFGH plans to hold more neighborhood meetings as the project progresses.

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Fire Department Offers Tips On Surviving the Big One

A few tips from the San Francisco Fire Department Emergency Response Team Training Student Manual.

- *The key to survival is planning. Discuss plans with every household member.
- *Have escape routes planned for each part of your home and work place.
- *Have a flashlight and a pair of shoes by everyone's bed (to avoid the possibility of stepping in broken glass.)
- *Know where utility shutoffs are — gas, electricity and water. It is recommended that shutoffs be painted white or a light reflective color so they are visible in dark or smoky conditions. Have a wrench next to your gas shutoff.
- *Practice your plan to see if it works. Make it fun, but make it real — i.e. practice in the dark.

*Decide together where you will meet if a major quake hits when the family is separated, including a safe place in case the home is damaged. Arrange a telephone contact out of the area, preferably out of state, to find out if everyone is okay, to relay messages and to set up an alternative meeting place.

*Put together a basic kit for your home, your car, and your workplace. The home kit should provide for your basic needs for at least 72 hours. The car and work kits should have supplies to last until you get to the reunification site. The container should be large enough to hold all the supplies, but small enough to handle without difficulty.

*Take a safety survey and look at each room in your home with "earthquake eyes." Sit in each room and ask, "if a major quake hit right now what would injure me?" Guard rails or industrial strength velcro can be used to secure objects on open shelves. "Child Proof" latches can be installed on cabinet doors — they are inexpensive and not visible from the exterior. Store heaviest items on lower shelves, near the floor. Gas lines should be flexible. Place beds away from windows. Remove anything that might fall on them. Attach tall furniture to wall studs. Attach paintings and mirrors with security hangers or anti-theft hangers. Velcro in the bottom corners also prevents them from moving during a quake. Secure TVs, computers, and stereos with industrial strength velcro. Double strap the water heater to the studs in the wall behind it — one strap one third from the top and the second about one third from the bottom. Plumbers tape and lag bolts, readily available from any hardware store, should be used. Hazardous materials and household chemicals should be well-marked and segregated according to manufacturers suggestions. Store them in unbreakable containers, and dispose of any that are not needed. San Francisco has a free collection facility for such materials:

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*If you are in a building when an earthquake hits, stay there. Seek immediate shelter...duck, cover & hold. Try to get under something that will protect you from falling debris like a table or desk and hold on to it. In an open area of a building such as a hallway, sit down against a wall and cover your head and neck. If you are in an elevator, go to the closest floor, get out and do as above.

*If you are outside, stay there. Move away from buildings if it is safe to do so. Watch out for downed power lines.

*If you are driving put on your emergency flashers and slow to a stop. (Watch for rear traffic while doing this.) Turn off the ignition, set the parking break and remain inside the car until the shaking stops. Do not stop on overpasses, underpasses or bridges, or under such hazards as power lines or falling building debris.

*Downtown it is safer to remain inside after an earthquake. (Unless the building is structurally damaged, on fire, leaking gas, etc.) There are no open areas in downtown San Francisco far enough from glass or other falling debris to be considered safe refuge sites. When windows in a high-rise building break, the glass does not always fall straight down; it can catch a wind current and soar great distances.

STATE OF THE UNION —



GETTING INVOLVED

Friends of McKinley Square meets on the first Tuesday of each month. The meeting on May 3 — at the Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro at 7:30 p.m. — will continue seeking design ideas for the park renovation project. Also on the agenda is planning for a proposed fund-raiser, as well as for a joint community meeting with Potrero Hill Parents' Ass'n. in June.

ROSES (Residents of the South East Sector) meets regularly on the first Thursday of the month, providing an opportunity for citizens to exchange ideas and concerns with representatives of the S.F. Police force. The May 5 meeting will again take place at the Community College, 1800 Oakdale, at Phelps (off Bayshore) at 7 p.m.

Potrero Hill Health Center advisory board meets monthly on the second Monday; this month on May 9, from 6 to 7 p.m. The Center is located at 1050 Wisconsin Street, and the public is always welcome.

Potrero Hill Parents' Ass'n. meets regularly on the second Tuesday (May 10) at 7 p.m. Meetings take place in the Jackson Playground Rec Center at Arkansas and Mariposa Streets. Discussions will continue to focus on the proposed renovations of the park; and planning for the June event to be held jointly with Friends of McKinley Square.

Potrero Hill Democratic Club meets on the second Tuesday (May 10) at 7 p.m. at the Neighborhood House, 953 DeHaro. Candidates for election to the Democratic Central Committee will address the meeting. Discussion of local ballot measures is also planned.

PLAN (Potrero League of Active Neighbors) meets on the third Wednesday (this month on May 18) at 7:30 p.m. On the agenda will be the election of a new executive committee and discussion of a helicopter pad at the Jewelry Mart in Showplace Square. Meeting place to be announced. Please call Elizabeth at 826-6359.

Potrero Hill Boosters & Merchants. In lieu of the regularly scheduled last Tuesday of the month business meeting, the Boosters will be sponsoring an inaugural dinner honoring the newly elected officers, on May 31. Call Dick Millet for reservation information at 861-0345.



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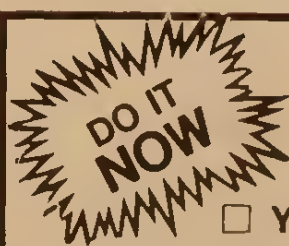
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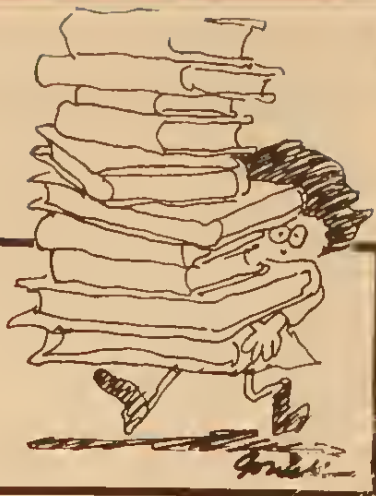
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ARTS GET LIVELIER

The joint was jumpin' on Saturday night, April 2, when more than 100 artists and their friends gathered at the library to open the 39th Potrero Hill Artists Exhibition. With 104 entries, the show is thought by veterans of the exhibit's long tradition to be the largest ever. An artfully prepared table d'hôte was the centerpiece of the festivities. "Next year...a band...and dancing...like we had in the old days!" commanded one guest.

...AND LIVELIER!

Thanks to author Joe Cottonwood, and poet and musician Lasana Bandele, who shared their talents with young adult audiences in late April. The library is fast becoming known among young people as the place to hang for information and inspiration. This month's column will feature newly-acquired books for Teens in place of Children's Books on Order. We will resume the listing of children's books in June.

MAY WHINE

"You and Your Dog" will be the subject of a presentation by Loretta from the nearby SPCA on Wednesday, May 11 at 7 p.m. Loretta will be accompanied by a dog, and together they will model correct behaviors for you and your pet. This is appropriate for all ages and promises to be a real howl in every sense of the word.

HOT PIX

Put your favorite reads in writing and drop them in the "HOT PIX" box located on the display case next to the circulation desk. Then root around in there yourself and discover someone else's favorite. Your librarian will be glad to help you locate hard-to-find titles. April HOT PIX included Sue Grafton's "I is for Innocent," "Malcolm X: Final Speeches, February, 1965," and Anita Brookner's "Fraud."

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Pre-school storytimes are every Wednesday at 7 p.m. (except May 11 and 18.) Infant and toddler lapsits are every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. The film "Really Rosie" will be shown on Wednesday, May 18 at 7 p.m.

THROWING BOUQUETS

Thanks to Charles Griffin Farr for the lilies and lilacs, and to Moose for the prize roses. Thanks to Jean and John Connolly, Staci Goussev, Al and Marie Greening, Bob Kingsbury, Kasia Kowalska, Henri Marie-Rose, Joseph McDevitt, Jr., Marion and Bill Norberg, Ruth Passen, Lejia Peng, Edel Raith, Ron and Dannel

Zeavon, and to Atchison's, Dave's, Good Life, Klein's, Friends of the San Francisco Public Library, Potrero Boosters and Merchants Assn., and the Potrero Women's Club for helping to make the art exhibition a record-breaking success.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER

*Gilmore, Mikal. "Shot in the Heart." Brother of executed prisoner Gary Gilmore tells the real story of his family, going back 100 years. We see a family in which murder was a way of life. The alleged deeds of Gilmore's ancestors made Gary's rap sheet pale by comparison.

*McAuliffe, Dennis, Jr. "The Deaths of Sybil Bolton: an American History." Sybil Bolton, the author's grandmother, descended from Osage Indians. It was thought that she had died an early death from kidney disease. After investigating, the author discovers that his grandmother was one of the victims of mass murder.

*Schiller, Lori & Amanda Bennett. "The Quiet Room: a Journey Out of the Torment of Madness." Lori's personal diaries, and intimate, intensive interviews with family, friends and a doctor combine in a rare, astounding portrait of the inner life of a schizophrenic.

*Brown, Rita Mae. "Dolly: a Novel of Dolly Madison in Love and War." From the White House receptions she loved to her wild escape from Washington, Dolly Madison is portrayed by Brown as an astonishingly brave and very human woman.

*Perry, Richard. "No Other Tale to Tell." In Kingston, New York, something happened 20 years ago that silenced the stories of the town's Black community. At the center of this mystery is Carla March, who lives alone with her silent, golden-skinned son. Into her life comes Miles who forces the secrets of the past to be dragged into the present.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS FOR TEENS

*Hunter, Latoya. "Diary of Latoya Hunter."

*Bunting, Eve. "Jumping the Nail."

*Wolff, Tobias. "This Boy's Life."

*Johnson, Earvin. "My Life."

*Fine, Anne. "Alias Madame Doubt-fire."

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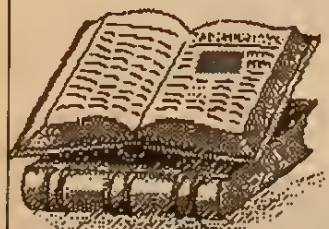
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TEN YEARS AGO

In The View

A STADIUM AT FOOT OF HILL?

"Mayor Dianne Feinstein," *The View* noted, "has changed her mind about where in the city she'd like to put a new sports stadium — and if she has her way it would end up right at the foot of Potrero Hill." At a meeting called by the Potrero League of Active Neighbors (PLAN), Deputy Mayor Jim Lazarus defended the proposal to construct the 70,000-seat stadium at 7th and Townsend Streets. The structure would have been 200 to 250 feet tall and Hill residents' fears of its impact on parking, traffic, views and related problems resulted in widespread opposition.

GOATS MAY BE OUSTED FROM HILL:

A tie with Potrero Hill's past was threatened by plans for construction in the area behind Goat Hill Pizza at 18th and Connecticut Streets, the home of Hilda and Loretta, the neighborhood's last living goats. *The View* noted that "the potrereros (Spanish for pastures) of this area have hosted goats since the turn of the century, when Italian and Russian herders tended their flocks on these very hillsides."

A LETTER FROM SALA BURTON:

One letter to the editor was from Sala Burton, Phil's widow and successor as member of Congress from the Fifth Congressional District, expressing delight that Potrero Hill had been added to her district. "I know the Potrero neighborhood," she wrote. "I know the people of the Potrero, and it's almost like coming home to have the neighborhood back."

BARRAT CORP. DENIES ALLEGATIONS:

A spokesman for Parkview Heights' developer Barratt Corp. denied charges that several people who signed up for the first units had access to privileged information. He stated that efforts were made "to spread the word among local residents first. In the meantime construction was proceeding "at an astonishing rate" with the first occupants expected to move in by the end of May. Dedication ceremonies were scheduled for May 16 and Mayor Feinstein was expected to attend.

PICKLES CELEBRATE TENTH ANNIVERSARY:

The renowned Pickle Family Circus, then based in the old Olivet Church building at 19th and Missouri Streets, was set to begin its tenth anniversary season on April 28, 1984 with performances in Modesto. The unique troupe was founded in 1974 by Larry Pisoni, an alumnus of the San Francisco Mime Troupe, and Peggy Snider. It performed more than 200 shows per year throughout the western states and in 1981 toured in England where the London Times said "... unfakeable sense of dazzling individual talents ... a company of specialists who know their business."

THIS AND THAT:

St. Teresa's Church voted to become a public sanctuary for refugees from Central America ... In a move termed by the Sheriff's office "the most dramatic advancement for Black officers in the Department's 134-year history," Hill resident and former board member of the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House John Robinson was promoted to lieutenant ... Profiled in *The View* were actresses and hill residents Winifred Mann and Roberta Callahan, as well as Klaus Borchers, owner of the then 100 year old Epplers Bakery at 17th and Connecticut Streets ... The second annual "Scenic Scamper," a benefit run for the Nabe, was set for May 12 ... A \$5 "all the Pizza You Can Eat" benefit for St. Teresa's Church, a family in sanctuary, and the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES) was scheduled for May 14 at Goat Hill Pizza ... Recent listed properties for sale on Potrero Hill ranged from \$140,000 to \$190,000. At the extremes: a "fixer upper for \$77,000" and a "modest mansion for \$450,000."

— Vas Arnautoff



Potrero Hill Neighborhood House

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Mid Schooler Wins Prep Scholarship

By Bernie Gershater

Elester Hubbard, a Potrero Hill Middle School eighth-grader, has been awarded a four year scholarship to attend the Orme Academy, a college preparatory school in Mayer, Arizona. The tuition at the academy is \$20,000 per year.

Hubbard, who is 14 years old, presently plans to be a lawyer, specializing in international law. He hopes to attend UC Berkeley after graduation from the Orme Academy.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students had to have at least a 3.0 grade point average, and to participate in a school sport — in Hubbard's case the 70 meter sprint on the PHMS track team. A personal interview and a brief essay were also part of the selection procedure. A girl from Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School and a boy from Sacramento were also chosen.

Hubbard also likes to play football in the Mission Rec League as a wide receiver and tight end, and collects sports trading cards as a hobby. He enjoys reading, mostly mystery stories.

Orme Academy was founded in 1929. Its campus is located on the 40,000 acre Quarter Circle V Bar Ranch. It is a member of the National Assn. of Independent Schools. There are currently 145 students enrolled, 74 boys and 71 girls. The academic program is rigorous. The school day begins early in the morning and there are five or six classes during the day. There is also a two hour study period in the evening. The school library has 20,000 volumes and subscribes to more than 100 periodicals. Each year in October there is a placement fair for 11th and 12th grade



ELESTER HUBBARD

students, attended by recruiters from more than 90 colleges.

Hubbard has lived in the Bay Area almost all his life, for the last five years at 23rd and Kansas Streets on Potrero Hill. He has a younger brother and an older sister, who are both good students. His mother is a manager for a construction company. Although he will miss his family and friends, he is looking forward to the change of scenery.



Potrero Hill is Site for "Music Day"

San Francisco, with all its ethnic and cultural diversity, will be showcased as the perfect example for a "global village" concept, when a satellite link will be set up between cities around the world on June 21, "Making Waves Music Day 1994." This city is the only one in the USA taking part in this event, which is celebrated by 80 different countries at the same time, and scheduled for viewing simultaneously throughout the world.

And now Potrero Hill will be the only neighborhood community hosting the event because the Art Commission has

selected the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House to provide leadership in seeking talent and coordinate a program for the music day. The event will take place at the S.F. Recreation Center, 801 Arkansas St., between the hours of 5 and 8 p.m. on June 21. The Rec Center is also an official sponsor of the event.

Anyone interested in performing any type of music, singing, dancing, playing regular and/or unique musical instruments is welcome to sign up for the event by contacting Enola D. Maxwell or Ruth Passen at 826-8080.

Documentary Film On WWII Seaman

During World War II over a quarter of a million men volunteered to sail cargo ships as civilian seamen. They hauled troops, fuel and material to fighting fronts around the world and kept open supply lines to America's allies. In the first six months of the war, their casualty rates were three times greater than that of any branch of the armed forces.

A television documentary by Maria Brooks, "The Men Who Sailed the Liberty Ships," chronicles their story and will premiere May 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cowell Theater, Ft. Mason Center. It will be aired on June 6 (D-Day) on TV-54 at 8 p.m. There is a \$5 donation to the May 26 premiere.

When the seamen returned home from the war, Congress denied them a Bill of Rights which would have included benefits for their injuries. Called the forgotten men of World War II, merchant seamen lobbied Congress for 43 years to acknowledge their service in the war. Their Seamen's Bill of Rights was finally granted in 1988.

Theater Offers New Schedule, Dramas

The Multi Ethnic Theater (MET) at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House has revamped its performance schedule for 1994-95, according to artistic director Lewis Campbell. While their first two shows, "Scapino" and "To Be Young, Gifted and Black," were artistically successful, Campbell says the company wished for more time to mount a stronger promotional effort. Therefore, a new five-play season will begin June 17 with "No Place to be Somebody," followed by "Bleacher Bums" in August, and "Golden Boy" in November. Current subscribers may exchange their original "Golden Boy" tickets for the play's new date.

Topping what promises to be an attractive season are two new selections: August Wilson's "Fences" and "The Mousetrap" by Agatha Christie. For inquiries and reservations call 550-8161.

Interested actors should know that auditions are held approximately two months before each play's opening.

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Longshore Leader "Jerry" Bulcke Dead at 91

Germaine (Jerry) Bulcke, for many years a resident of Potrero Hill, passed away quietly and peacefully in Santa Rosa the afternoon of April 6, 43 days short of his 92nd birthday.

Bulcke was born in Dudzele, Belgium, in 1902 and lived through World War I and the German occupation of Belgium, surviving typhus and suffering a wound in a bombing raid.

Following that war he lived for a time in Paris, then emigrated to the United States, settling first in Detroit where he worked in the auto plants and also ran a small store. In the 1920's Bulcke came to San Francisco and began working on the waterfront. He played leadership roles in organizing the longshoremen to end the corrupt hiring system (the "shape up") and to establish their own union.

During the 1934 maritime strike which led to the birth of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) Bulcke took part in the famous "Battle of Rincon Hill" and witnessed the slaying of two strikers by police on the sidewalk outside the union's headquarters.

Following the strike he held various offices in both ILWU Local 10 and the International Union. As part

of his leadership duties, Bulcke was proud to be given the honor to personally inform labor hero Tom Mooney that he was to be freed from San Quentin prison after many years of imprisonment on trumped up charges. (Mooney and an accomplice were accused of hurling a bomb at a Market Street parade during World War I.)

Bulcke became the Southern California arbitrator for the ILWU and the waterfront employers, the Pacific Maritime Association and held that post until his retirement. He then became an active member of the ILWU pensioners group. An account of his life is documented in an oral history published several years ago by the Bancroft Library of the University of California, Berkeley.

Bulcke and Helen ("Rusty"), his wife of 40 years, moved to Santa Rosa a few years ago. He is survived by Rusty, son Ken and daughter Muriel, stepson Bruce, and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 14, at 1:30 p.m. at ILWU, Local 10, 400 North Point St., San Francisco.

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Hill Video Arts Center Provides Needed Services

By Julia Jaurigui

At a time when media arts organizations are often on the verge of financial collapse or struggling to adapt to San Francisco's ever-changing cultural and political landscapes, the Bay Area Video Coalition (BAVC), continues to thrive as one of Northern California's leading member supported, non-profit video arts centers.

It's been located at 17th and Mississippi streets since 1981 and a tour of the bustling media arts facility, which was founded in 1976 by video artists working for KQED's "Experimental Television Project," soon reveals why BAVC is a significant presence in today's media arts community. On the tour, led by Luke Hones, BAVC's Program Director, I noted that nearly every post-production suite was in use. Although a few of the editors were bleary-eyed from long hours of editing, it appeared that they were very much at home in BAVC's low-key atmosphere and enjoyed working with the friendly staff.

"Our goal has always been to broaden access to the whole community," says Hones as we watch a technician for BAVC's Video Preservation Center transfer a 1/2" open-reel tape (an obsolete video format) to a contemporary video format. The Preservation Center, partially funded by an NEA Challenge grant, is BAVC's latest service to independent producers who want to retrieve lost video works from the 1970s. At present, the Center is working on a project that involves the preservation of a collection of preliminary interviews from Peter Adair's "Word Is Out".

In addition to providing independent producers and artists with low-cost access to production, post-production and video preservation facilities, BAVC's education staff is working hard to develop and present workshops on virtually every aspect of video and multimedia. BAVC's hands-on technical workshops, taught by media professionals with state-of-the-

art equipment, are considered by many video artists to be the best in town.

BAVC's popular internship program is another element in the video arts center's blueprint for success. "We're very excited about our interns", says Hones. "In fact, most of our current staff came out of the internship program." Hones stresses that anyone interested in an internship must commit to working 20 hours a week for four months and "has to have the right attitude. We're not the perfect place for someone who wants to be San Francisco's top editor...interns should be in tune with grassroots organizations."

In 1992, BAVC began awarding equipment access grants -- the Artist Access Awards -- to video artists working on projects in association with community groups or about community issues. In February, Potrero Hill's Kathy Katz was awarded an Access Award for "The Farm", a documentary on San Francisco's urban farm, located at Potrero Avenue and Army Street.

In May, BAVC, which boasts a membership of 2,000, will begin holding bi-monthly membership meetings. Hones says the meetings are designed to bring the independent video and electronic media production community "together with engineers, media design and research people."

Hones, who is also editor-in-chief of "Video Networks", BAVC's monthly newsletter, explained that the meetings are also a great way for members "to learn about job opportunities and to meet other video artists." The first meeting takes place on May 5 at the Contract Design Center (600 Townsend Street) from 6:30-9:00 p.m., and is open to non-members.

For additional information about BAVC's workshops, programs, and membership services, call 861-3282.

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Library Show Draws Hill Citizens

A display of over 100 works by local artists was featured at the 39th Annual Potrero Hill Artists Exhibit last month at our local library, 1616-20th St.

An April 2 reception brought together the artists, friends of the library, neighbors and others to welcome yet another exhibit. This annual event has been recognized over the years as a one-of-a-kind: The artists creating the atmosphere for a local exhibit, working with the library staff to make it happen.

Many of the artists listed have entered the exhibit each year from the beginning. New to the Hill, as well as younger artists are drawn to the event because of its prestige and status in the arts community.

Listed are categories of art and the participating artists.

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JOE SAM. AT OPEN STUDIOS



Hill artist Joe Sam, most well known for large paintings, has developed special art pins (pictured above), which will be on exhibit and for sale at the Hunters Point Shipyard Annual Open Studios May 7 and 8.

The Hunters Point community of artists, one of the largest in the country, is inside the historic former naval base, which is now a mixed-use facility. The variety of artists whose works will be on display and for sale include Japanese

technique woodblock printing; making prints without a press (mono printing); weaving with flexible recycled trash; and woodblock carvings.

Also of interest is an emerging core of nearly a dozen artists who work with recycled objects and environmental concerns, including three who were artists in residence at Norcal/Sanitary Fill Co.

For maps, schedules and more information about the week-end events, call 822-3809.

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Bay Area muralists will be recognized for their works at a special event May 14 at the South of Market Cultural Center Gallery, 934 Brannan St. A Lifetime Achievement Award will be bestowed on Emmy Lou Packard, whose history in mural work began in 1939 when she apprenticed to Diego Rivera on his "Pan-American Unity" fresco mural, which now hangs at City College. As a S.F. Arts Commissioner in the '70s she supported community muralists and was instrumental in preserving the Depression-era murals at Coit Tower and the 1940s-era Rincon Annex murals. This event kicks off the Fourth Annual S.F. Bay Area Mural Awareness Week, sponsored by the Precita Eyes Mural Arts Center. Call 285-2287 for more info.

A panel discussion on the Women's Building mural takes place May 16 at 7:30 p.m. at SOMAR, 934 Brannan St. A \$5-10 sliding scale benefits the mural project; and a Mexican Bus City-Wide Mural Tour happens May 15, at 1 p.m. A \$25 fee includes refreshments. Participants will view over 100 murals in the city, including the Rincon Center, and murals in the Mission District. For more info call 285-2287.

D-Day veterans are being invited by Hotel Sofitel to a 50th anniversary of the landing in Normandy. The hotel chain will honor the vets at a special celebration on June 5. Since records are vague, all interested veterans in No. California are asked to write or call the Hotel Sofitel, ATTN: D-Day Coordinator, 223 Twin Dolphin Dr., Redwood Shores, CA 94065, or call (415) 598-9000.

The Arthritis foundation has planned free programs to discuss the illness. On May 16, 6 p.m., Dr. Robert Doobrow will discuss "Arthritis and Exercise" at the Embarcadero YMCA, 169 Steuart St.; and Dr. Neal Birnbaum will lead a discussion about "Self-Help Techniques" on May 23, 6-7:30 p.m. at the Calif. Pacific Medical Center, 2333 Buchanan St. Call 673-6882 for more info.



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A four-day festival devoted to comedy takes place at the Dept. of Theatre Arts at S.F. State University, May 12-15. Geoff Hoyle and Larry Pisoni, former clowns in the Pickle Family Circus, and Artists in Residence at SFSU during the spring semester, will perform in Henry Miller's circus story, "The Smile at the Foot of the Ladder." The Miller story was adapted and will be directed by Pisoni. Hoyle plays the leading role, supported by a student ensemble of actors and musicians. Tickets for the performance are \$7 general admission and \$5 for students and senior citizens. All other Congress of Clowns events are free and open to the public. For detailed schedules of events and other info call 338-1341.

The blind and those with low vision are invited to attend a free open forum May 7 to hear Joe Therrien, area manager of the San Francisco recruiting office for the United States Peace Corps. Most disabilities are no barrier to Peace Corps service overseas, says Therrien. His update on the Corps will include opportunities for potential volunteers who are blind or visually impaired. The lecture takes place at 11 a.m. in the main foyer of the UCSF Ambulatory Care Center, 400 Parnassus Ave.

The Polytechnic High Athletic Assn. invites all Poly athletes, cheerleaders, coaches, faculty and managers to their 11th annual reunion luncheon May 21 at the Patio Espanol Restaurant in S.F. For more info call 697-0386, or write the Assn. at P. O. Box 821, Millbrae, CA 94030.

The Pain Clinical Research Center at UCSF is conducting studies on chronic pain and is looking for participants to join treatment programs. Participants must have an illness or injury such as: shingles attacks, surgery (like a mastectomy), nervous system injury (stroke or spinal cord damage) and multiple sclerosis or trigeminal neuralgia. They must be more than 18 years old, in stable physical and mental health, and able to read English. Participants must not have an immune system disorder. For more info call 476-0418.

Volunteers for summer school are needed now by the San Francisco School Volunteers (SFSV), who work closely with the business community in helping classroom teachers. The Volunteers train and place individuals or business volunteers into classrooms needing special skills. Call the SFSV at 274-0250.

A free program on the subject of menopause, sponsored by UCSF/Mount Zion Center on Aging, will be held at the Miyako Hotel, 1625 Post St., May 14, 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Space is limited, so to reserve a seat call 750-4194 by May 9.

The Martin De Porres Soup Kitchen at 15th Street and Potrero Avenue needs volunteers for breakfast and lunch shifts. Please ask for Abby at 552-0240.

The North California Society to Prevent Blindness recommends for those interested in watching a solar eclipse on May 10 to see it at 9:04 a.m. on television. They warn that viewing the eclipse directly is very dangerous. Even though the moon will cross over the sun, the outer ring or annulus of the sun's atmosphere will be visible, and in No. California the eclipse will look like a round cookie with a gradually bigger and bigger bite taken out of it.

Friend and Potrero Hill neighbor Jerry Roberts has been named the S.F. Chronicle's political editor, following the retirement of current political editor Tom Benet. Hail to thee, Jerry, and much luck!

The historic Fillmore Auditorium reopened last month, and Mission district resident and Potrero Hill art teacher Michael Rios was commissioned to paint a special mural for the occasion. The mural will hang in the newly refurbished rock and roll landmark hall.

Women's Voices presents a discussion about "Growing Old Disgracefully: New Ideas for Getting the Most Out of Life" at Old Wives' Tales, 1009 Valencia St., May 8 at 7 p.m. The book, written by six women between the ages of 60 and 75, encourages readers to examine their lives and risk change.

"Eat Well Naturally - Part 1" is the theme of a free healthcare talk by Carl Hangee-Bauer, acupuncturist and naturopath, May 11, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., at the Potrero Hill Library, 1616-20th St. The lecture is sponsored by The Benefits Company, RSVP to 974-5596.

A guest on a San Francisco Bay ferry-boat ride April 18, 96 year old Ellie Baine, survivor of the 1906 earthquake and Potrero Hill resident, reports that she and other survivors (and friends) were thrilled to see the Jeremiah O'Brien pass them in the bay as The WW II vessel headed out the Golden Gate en route to a 50-year reunion in Normandy, France. Other survivors and friends remembered the 5:13 a.m. "big" quake at Lotta's Fountain, Market and Third Streets, and also gathered at the annual painting of the fire hydrant at 20th and Church Streets. Quite a morning for those interested in local lore and customs.

The Third Annual Women and Cancer Walk takes place May 22, 12:30 p.m. in Sharon Meadows, Golden Gate Park. Sponsors hope to raise \$100,000 to benefit 11 Bay Area community-based organizations serving women with cancer. For more info call 487-6224.

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Pocket Opera Offers "Bartered Bride" In Benefit for Neighborhood House

Donald Pippin's Pocket Opera production of "The Bartered Bride," music by Bedrich Smetana, will be performed (in English) Monday, May 23 at 7 p.m. at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro St.

Pippin, artistic director and creator of Pocket Opera, has had a career that has taken him from Harvard University to New York City, where he was pianist and accompanist for Balanchine's School of American Ballet. He finally settled in

San Francisco in 1952 - and lived on Potrero Hill for a few years - where he has been an important part of concert life of the city. Audiences followed him from his start at the hungry i and Opus One in North Beach through his nearly two decades of performing in a weekly Sunday night chamber music series at the Old Spaghetti Factory. Since then he has specialized in singable and literate English translations of opera classics, performed at such prestigious venues as the Kennedy Center, San Diego Opera, and Julliard School of Music. He was the first recipient of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Business/Art Award.

The popular Pocket Opera company, whose productions are traditionally staged with a minimum of sets, costumes or props, performs the works in English with Pippin at the piano.


Admission for "The Bartered Bride" benefit performance is \$5-\$10 (sliding scale).

Proceeds from the event go towards the work of the Neighborhood House, a community center offering a wide range of services to the Potrero Hill community. For reservations or more information Call 826-8080.

RICHARD II



The Trinity Shakespeare Co. presents "The Tragedy of King Richard II" a "mini-malist" production of Shakespeare's drama, at the Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa St. Opening Sunday May 1 at 7:30 p.m., the show then plays on Sundays thru Thursdays at the same early hour of 7:30. Potrero Hill resident Scott Phillips directs; Richard Lindstrom (center above), also a Hill resident, plays King Richard. For reservations call 972-8063.



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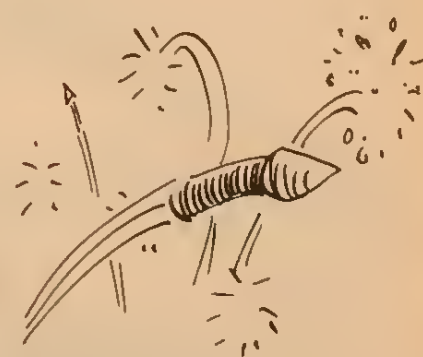
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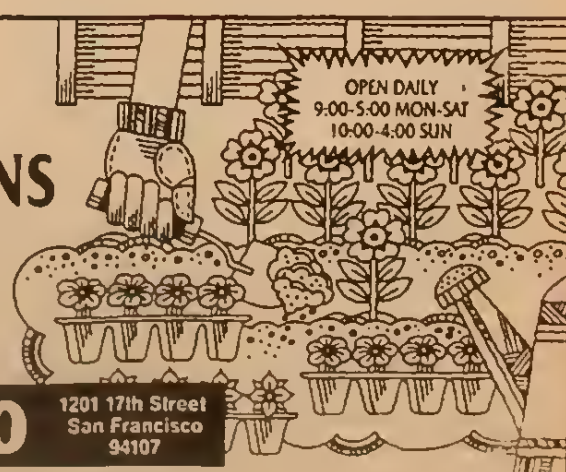
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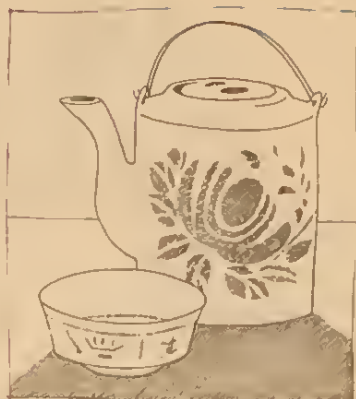
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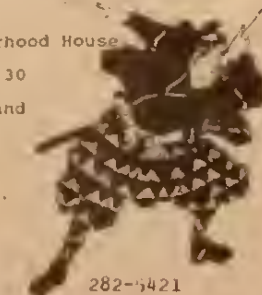
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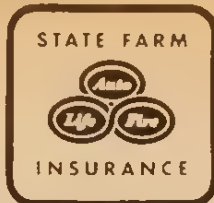
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